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to Rolling Mills in Czechoslovakia and
Poland

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1. [] in February 1951 [] all deliveries of steel ingots to []
be rolled into billets in Czechoslovakia and Poland were to be stopped imme-
diately. It was said that this measure was taken because the warehouses in
Czechoslovakia and Poland were overstocked and it would be necessary to
process the accumulated stocks before further deliveries of raw materials
could be accepted. *
2. The following shipments of raw materials had been scheduled for February
1951 and approved by the General Administration of the Reichsbahn: 300 car-
loads, totaling about 6,000 tons of steel ingots, from the Maxhuetie Plant and
200 carloads, totaling about 4,000 tons of steel ingots, from the Riesa
(E 52/L 81) Plant. **

* [] Comment. This report indicates that the Soviet Zone rolling mill
capacity has not been expanded enough to keep pace with the expansion of
the steel producing capacity and that the Soviet Zone, therefore, must
place orders with neighboring satellite countries for rolled products.
Even when the Five-Year Plan has been completed in 1955, it is believed this
disproportion between rolling mill and steel producing capacity will still
continue.

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** [] Comment. It is not yet known whether these shipments were cancelled. 50X1-HUM

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